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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition because it produces better service for the vast majority of users at a price they can afford. Many smaller and less wealthy countries have better and cheaper broadband service than that found in the USA because free market competition brings down prices and forces broadband providers to compete on the basis of speed and service.

This same argument applies to telephone services. No developed country has more costly and low-performing cell phone service than the USA thanks to the competitive barriers in our national markets.

We need the Bridge 2 Broadband to ensure equitable and affordable access to the Internet for all our citizens.

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